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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S NOV 29 STATEMENT TO SC ON
EXTENSION OF UN MANDATE:

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR SCALI IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL
ON THE EXTENSION OF THE UNDOF MANDATE

SINCE THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WHO WISH TO SPEAK,
I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED
STATES ON THE SUBJECT BEFORE US.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDOF SIX MONTHS AGO, LIKE
THAT OF UNEF BEFORE IT, MARKED A MAJOR STEP FORWARD ON
THE PATH TO A LASTING MIDDLE EAST PEACE. THAT THIS ROAD
WAS LONG AND DIFFICULT, THAT IT WOULD TRY MEN'S
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PATIENCE AND TEST THEIR GOOD WILL, NO ONE DOUBTED THEN

OR DOUBTS NOW. NEVERTHELESS, WHAT THIS COUNCIL DID IN ESTABLISHING THE TWO MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING FORCES WAS NO SMALL THING. UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING PROVIDES A DETERRENT TO RENEWED WAR AFTER FOUR TRAGIC AND DEVASTATING CONFLICTS. IT OFFERS TIME FOR PASSIONS TO COOL AND FOR PRUDENCE AND REASON TO PREVAIL. IN SHORT, IT OFFERS TO THOSE WHO WOULD GRASP IT AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338.

BY EXTENDING UNDOF'S MANDATE TODAY, THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS DEMONSTRATED ANEW ITS AWARENESS OF THE CRITICAL ROLE THIS FORCE PLAYS IN HELPING TO PRESERVE THE DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES. MY GOVERNMENT WARMLY WELCOMES THE COUNCIL'S ACTION. THE RESOLUTION WE HAVE ADOPTED WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES ASSURES THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF UNDOF FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS UNDER THE SAME MANDATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS MADE IN HIS LUCID AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF NOVEMBER 27.

I HAVE SPOKEN ALREADY OF THE PATIENCE AND GOOD WILL THAT ARE SO INDISPENSABLE TO PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. THESE QUALITIES WERE SORELY NEEDED IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO AGREEMENT ON THE EXTENSION OF UNDOF. MY GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS EFFORT. MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, TO PAY A SINCERE TRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF SYRIA AND ISRAEL FOR THEIR DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR THEIR PEOPLES.

I TAKE SPECIAL PLEASURE IN EXTENDING MY GOVERNMENT'S DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS AND TO HIS HEADQUARTERS STAFF. THEIR DEDICATED, TIRELESS EFFORTS HAVE KEPT UNDOF OPERATING EFFICIENTLY. OUR CONGRATULATIONS GO ALSO TO THE INTERIM FORCE COMMANDER, TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF UNDOF, AND TO THE UNTSO MILITARY OBSERVERS ASSIGNED TO UNDOF FOR THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH THEY HAVE

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PERFORMED THEIR DUTIES. I HAVE SPOKEN ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS OF OUR ADMIRATION FOR THESE MEN AND OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE HARDSHIPS AND SACRIFICE WHICH THEY MUST ENDURE. SOME OF THESE SOLDIERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES SO THAT OTHER MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE EAST MIGHT LIVE. WE MOURN IN PARTICULAR AT THIS TIME THE BRAVE MEN WHO HAVE DIED ON THE UNDOF FRONT, AND WE ASK THE DELEGATIONS OF CANADA AND

AUSTRIA TO CONVEY OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THEIR
BEREAVED FAMILIES.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN HIS REPORT, AND MANY
MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL, IN THEIR STATEMENTS, HAVE
EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING TOWARD SETTLEMENT
OF THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.
MY GOVERNMENT SHARES THIS SENSE OF URGENCY. IN THE
MONTHS AHEAD WE SHALL BE BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO ADVANCE
STEP BY STEP ALONG THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
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